

Introduced by Senator SotoFebruary 8, 2005

An act to amend Section 50265 of the Government Code, relating to local human relations commissions.

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SB 161, as introduced, Soto. Local human relations commissions.

Existing law authorizes cities and counties to create commissions on human relations with the responsibility to, among other things, foster mutual respect and understanding among all racial, religious, and nationality groups in the community, inquire into incidents of tension and conflict among or between these groups, hold conferences and other public meetings in the interest of resolution of these tensions, and enlist the cooperation and participation of these groups and others, as specified, to foster mutual esteem, justice, and equity.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that authorization.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 50265 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 50265. A commission on human relations created under the
- 4 provisions of Section 50262 shall discharge *all of* the following
- 5 obligations:
- 6 (a) To hold conferences, and other public meetings, in the
- 7 interest of the constructive resolution of tensions, prejudice, and
- 8 discrimination among or between groups of people, including

1 people subject to prejudice and discrimination due to race,
2 religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical
3 disability, mental disability, marital status, gender, sexual
4 orientation, socioeconomic status, civic interest, or any other
5 factors.

6 (b) To issue any publications and reports of investigation as in
7 its judgment will tend to effectuate the purposes of this article.

8 (c) To enlist the cooperation and participation of a variety of
9 people, including people subject to prejudice and discrimination
10 due to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry,
11 physical disability, mental disability, marital status, gender,
12 sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, civic interest, or any
13 other factors, industry and labor organizations, media or mass
14 communication, fraternal and benevolent associations, and other
15 groups in an educational campaign devoted to fostering among
16 the diverse groups of the community mutual esteem, justice and
17 equity.

18 (d) To encourage and stimulate agencies under the jurisdiction
19 of the local governing body that created the commission to take
20 any action as will fulfill the purposes of this article.

21 (e) To submit an annual report to the governing body.